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SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ AND PARTY VISIT TO GREECE,
APRIL 25-26, 1976

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1. SECRETARY BUTZ AND PARTY ARRIVED ATHENS AIRBASE 15:30
APRIL 24. MET BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES STEARNS, COUNSELOR FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS SOLDOW AND AGATTACHE PHILLIPSEN
AND MRS PHILLIPSEN. LATER, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND SENIOR U.S.
EMBASSY PERSONNEL HELD BRIEFING FOR SECRETARY AND PARTY
DURING INFORMAL RECEPTION HOSTED BY MRS KUBISCH AT
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

2. SUNDAY, APRIL 25, SECRETARY AND PARTY TRAVELLED TO
THESSALONIKI FOR VISIT TO AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL. MET AT AIRPORT
BY CONSUL GENERAL, JOHN NEGROPONTE AND PRESIDENT OF THE
AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL, BRUCE LANSDALE AND MRS LANSDALE. AFTER
TOUR OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, SECRETARY AND PARTY WERE GUESTS
AT TYPICAL GREEK EASTER LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SCHOOL (MAIN COURSE
WAS 20 LAMBS COOKED ON SPITS OVER OPEN FIRES). NICHOLAS MARTIS,
MINISTER FOR NORTHERN GREECE, MET WITH SECRETARY BUTZ FOR 11/2
HOURS AFTER LUNCH TO DISCUSS AMERICAN FARM POLICY AND THE
MUTUAL AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS OF GREECE AND THE U.S. THERE
WAS GOOD MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE MEETING, INCLUDING WIDE
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PRESS PLAY AND COVERAGE ON 3 TV PROGRAMS. ALL MEDIA STRESSED

U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE MEETING WITH MINISTER MARTIS AND
SECRETARY AND PARTY'S OBSERVANCE OF GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER

3. MONDAY, APRIL 26, THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY DEPARTED
FOR SOFIA.
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